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FM AMEMBASSY RABAT  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2583  
INFO AMEMBASSY ALGIERS  
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AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE  
AMEMBASSY NDJAMENA  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L RABAT 3996

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1  
TAGS: MASS MO CD  
SUBJECT: MOROCCANS CONTINUE CAUTION ON CHAD

REF: RABAT 3776

1. INFORMATION MINISTER TAIBI BENHIMA DISCUSSED CHAD SITUATION BRIEFLY WITH AMBASSADOR ON JULY 20. WHILE GOM WAS SERIOUSLY CONCERNED AND BELIEVED SOMETHING MUST BE DONE FOR CHAD, MOROCCO ITSELF COULD NOT BE OF SIGNIFICANT HELP, BENHIMA COMMENTED. MOROCCO CURRENTLY HAD ITS HANDS FULL WITH COUNTERING POLISARIO GUERRILLA PRESSURES AGAINST MAURITANIA. IT WAS THEREFORE UP TO FRANCE, SUDAN AND EGYPT TO BEAR THE MAIN BURDEN WITH RESPECT TO CHAD. MOROCCO MIGHT CONCEIVABLY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE SMALL QUANTITIES OF RATIONS AND OF SMALL ARMS AND AMMUNITION, BUT EVEN THIS WOULD BE A PROBLEM. BENHIMA ACKNOWLEDGED THAT ONE FACTOR IN CAUTIOUS MOROCCAN APPROACH ON

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CHAD WAS CONCERN OVER POSSIBLE LIBYAN RETALIATION BY STEPPING UP ASSISTANCE TO POLISARIO.

2. FRENCH AMBASSADOR RAIMOND TOLD AMBASSADOR JULY 20 THAT FOREIGN MINISTER LARAKI HAD RAISED CHAD WITH HIM, ALSO DISPLAYING CAUTIOUS ATTITUDE REGARDING ANY MOROCCAN INVOLVEMENT AND SPECIFICALLY STATING THAT MOROCCO WOULD

NOT BE SENDING ANY TROOPS.

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